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THEY CALLED HIM

"HAPPY" MAIONE

BECAUSE HE NEVER SMILED!

THIS COLD-BLOODED KILLER FROM BROOKLYN  
WANTED TO BE BIG-TIME!



THAT'S A NICE-SIZED CHECK Y'GIVE  
US TO RUB OUT RIP MORGAN, GOLDIE!  
FUNNY—HE DIDN'T GIVE US NEAR  
AS MUCH FOR KILLIN' YOU—  
BUT IT WAS ALL CASH! YA  
CAN'T BLAME US FOR  
NOT TRUSTIN' YA!

I TRAIN A LOT  
OF MURDERERS IN MY  
ROUTINE! I TEMPT THEM  
WITH A DIFFERENT BAIT—  
SOME WITH HATRED,  
FRUSTRATION, LOVE, OR  
THE VAIN DESIRE TO BE  
CALLED A TOUGH GUY!  
THESE ARE EASY PITFALLS  
FOR ANY MUG! BUT IT IS  
ONLY ONCE IN A RARE  
WHILE THAT A GUY LIKE  
HARRY "HAPPY" MAIONE COMES  
ALONG—A KILLER—MEAN AND  
VICIOUS! HE KILLED FOR ONE  
PURPOSE—THE DOLLAR SIGN!  
"HAPPY" SOLD HIS MURDERS  
ON THE OPEN MARKET! HE  
WAS A DEPRAVED ANIMAL—  
AS COLD AND CALLOUS AS  
ANY KILLER I'VE EVER  
HANDLED! HEH, HEH, YES,  
HE WAS A RARE ONE—  
AND I MILKED HIS  
KILLING INSTINCT  
DRY!

CRIM

IN  
CONSIDERATION  
OF INNOCENT  
PEOPLE INVOLVED  
AND RELATIVES OF  
OTHERS, THE NAMES  
OF SOME CHARACTERS  
DEPICTED IN THIS  
TRUE MAGAZINE  
ARE FICTITIOUS.  
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I FIRST HOOKED UP WITH "HAPPY" BACK IN 1930—YES, THE GOOD OLD DAYS, WHEN MANY OF MY PRIZE PUPILS WERE STILL RIDING ON THE CREST OF THE PROHIBITION TIDE—IN THOSE TIMES, THERE WERE LOTS OF YOUNG SUCKERS WAITING TO TAKE MY HAND!



HEY, DASHER, GET A LOAD OF THIS GUY, LEPKE—HE'S GOT THIS TOWN IN HIS MITT! THAT'S THE KIND OF GUY I WOULD BE, IF I HAD THE RIGHT KIND OF COOPERATION FROM YOU MUGS!

AW, "HAPPY," WHY DON'TCHA STOP DREAMIN'? WE'RE JUST SMALL-TIME PUNKS LOOKIN' FOR AN EASY BUCK! LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY—IT'S A LOT SAFER!



WHO'S A SMALL-TIME PUNK? SPEAK FOR YOURSELF—IF YOU MAKE ANOTHER CRACK LIKE THAT, I'LL SLIT YOUR GIZZARD! YOU JUST TAKE ORDERS AND KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT—SAVVY?

Y..YEAH, S..SURE, "HAPPY"—I DIDN'T MEAN NOthin' BY IT!



JUST WATCH YOUR TONGUE, THAT'S ALL! SO MUCH FOR THAT—NOW ABOUT THAT GAS STATION GUY—LET'S NAIL HIM BEFORE HE MAKES THAT DEPOSIT!

OKAY, HAP—WE'RE READY! THAT GAS STATION WILL BE AN EASY APPLE TO PLUCK! WHO'S GONNA DRIVE?

I'M DRIVIN'—C'MON, THE CAR'S READY!



A TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL! THESE GUYS MUST BE IN THE RIGHT RACKET!

I'M ASKIN' THE QUESTIONS: IS THIS ALL THE DOUGH YOU GOT IN THE JOINT? WHERE YA HIDIN' THE BIG CASH?

I..I'M NOT HIDIN' ANY—THAT'S ALL THERE IS—HONEST! OOOH...

SHUT UP, YA SQUARE! C'MON, LET'S SEARCH THE DUMP!

SIXTY...SEVENTY...EIGHTY BUCKS!! EVEN AFTER WE TORE THE JOINT APART, IT WASN'T WORTH OUR SWEAT!

SO WE'RE GONNA BE LIKE LEPKE, EH? HA, HA, HA!

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT THAT CASH REGISTER?





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TALK IS CHEAP—EVERY TIME A NEW GANG GETS ORGANIZED, THEY START GETTIN' THEMSELVES KNOCKED OFF! YOU'D BE CUTTIN' IN ON SOMEBODY'S TERRITORY, LIKE THE MORGAN AND BEARDSLY GANGS!



BOY—I'LL BET THEY'D BOTH PAY PLENTY TO BE SURE THEY'RE THE ONE!





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NICE WORK, 'HAPPY'! YOU DID A GOOD, CLEAN JOB! THE COPS COULDN'T PIN A THING ON ANY OF MY BOYS—AND GOLDIE'S PULLIN' HIS HAIR OUT! FROM NOW ON, I'M RAISIN' YOUR PAY TO 700 HUNDRED BUCKS PER STIFF—HOW'S THAT?

AM I COMPLAININ'? JUST SAY THE WORD—I'LL DRILL 'EM AS FAST AS YOU CAN—PUT THE FINGER ON 'EM!



RIP PUT THE FINGER ON ABOUT ONE GORILLA A MONTH, BUT 'HAPPY' HERE HAD BIGGER IDEAS!

NOW THAT WE GOT ACCUSTOMED TO A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVIN', RIP AIN'T GIVIN' US ENOUGH BUSINESS TO MAKE IT WORTH OUR WHILE! THE WAY I FIGURE, NOBODY KNOWS WE'RE TIED UP WITH HIM, SO IT WOULDN'T BE HARD FOR US TO DO SOME FREE-LANCING!

YEAH, BUT WHO ELSE DO YOU KNOW THAT'S HAVIN' A GANG FEUD, BESIDES MORGAN?



JUST ONE OTHER BIG BOY—GOLDIE BEARDSLY! HE'S BEEN ACHIN' TO GET BACK AT RIP FOR THE JOBS WE'RE PULLIN' ON HIS BOYS!

Y'MEAN Y'WANNA BURN BOTH ENDS O' THE CANDLE? BUT THAT'S DYNAMITE! IF EITHER ONE OF 'EM FOUND OUT—OH, BROTHER!



BUT THEY'RE NOT GONNA FIND OUT! RIP'S IN RED HOOK—GOLDIE'S IN BROWNSVILLE! NEITHER GANG DARES SNOOP IN THE OTHER'S NEIGHBORHOOD, OR THEY'D BE PLUGGED ON SIGHT! I'M A STRANGER IN GOLDIE'S NECK OF THE WOODS! I'LL GIVE HIM THE SAME LINE OF BULL I GAVE TO MORGAN—GET THE IDEA?

WHY CAN'T WE WORK IT? WE'LL HAVE MORE BUSINESS THAN WE CAN HANDLE—OH, BOY!

IT'S A STROKE OF GENIUS, IF WE CAN GET AWAY WITH IT!



HA! COULD HE DO IT? IN NO TIME AT ALL, MY BOY 'HAPPY' HAD GOLDIE BELIEVING HIS SOLE PURPOSE IN LIFE WAS TO CHOP DOWN MORGAN'S GORILLAS! GOLDIE ATE IT UP—HE WAS ITCHING FOR REVENGE!

'HAPPY' YOU GOT A DEAL! I'LL PAY YOU 800 SUMMOONS FOR EVERY DEAD MORGAN MAN, AND THE SKY'S THE LIMIT! EVEN IF YA GET TEN 'EM A DAY, WON'T HOLLER!

OKAY, GOLDIE, YOU CAN GO OUT RIGHT NOW AN' BUY YOURSELF AN ADDIN' MACHINE! YOU'RE GONNA NEED IT, WHEN I GET STARTED!



WHO'S IT GONNA BE TONIGHT—A MORGAN, OR A BEARDSLY?

WHAT'S THE DIFF? THEY'RE BOTH GOOD CUSTOMERS!

HERE'S A SOUVENIR FROM RIP MORGAN!

'WITH LOVE' FROM GOLDIE BEARDSLY!

RAT-A-TAT-TAT-TAT

BANG! BANG!



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LISTEN, 'HAPPY'—SOMEHOW, GOLDIE'S GANG HAS COME TO LIFE—THEY'RE KNOCKIN' OFF MY BOYS LIKE FLIES! I GOT ONLY ONE OUT—YOU'VE GOT TO GET THE KINGPINS—GOLDIE AND HIS BROTHER, MIKE! WITH THEM OUTTA THE WAY, HIS GANG'LL FOLD UP LIKE AN ACCORDIAN! I'LL GIVE YOU TWO G'S FOR THE JOB!

THAT'S A DEAL! BUT THOSE BOYS ARE TOUGH TO NAIL! THEY KEEP HOLED UP, AND WHEN THEY DO COME OUT, THEY'VE ALWAYS GOT AN ARMY OF BODYGUARDS! BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL GET 'EM! YOU AIN'T IN NO HURRY!



SO THAT WAS THE WAY THINGS WERE WORKING OUT! FIRST, IT WAS MORGAN, THEN IT WAS BEARDSLY!

HAPPY, YOU BEEN DOIN' A GREAT JOB FOR ME, AN' I CAN'T KICK! BUT MORGAN'S GANG HAS BEEN HITIN' BACK—JUST AS HARD! IT'S WORTH FIFTY HUNDRED SMACKERS IF YOU CAN GET RIP, HIMSELF!

THAT'S A TALL ORDER, GOLDIE! MAKE IT TWO G'S, AN' HE'S AS GOOD AS CROAKED!

OKAY—TWO G'S!



HA! HA, HA! THAT'S RICH—HERE WE ARE, ROLLIN' IN DOUGH, WHILE RIP AN' GOLDIE ARE WORRYIN' THEMSELVES SICK—AN' EACH WANTIN' THE OTHER KNOCKED OFF! HA, HA, HA!

YEAH—CAN YOU IMAGINE ME KNOCKIN' EITHER OFF AN' KILLIN' THIS RACKET? HA—HEY VITO, HOW'S OUR GANG SHAPIN' UP?



WELL, Y'KNOW, WE BEEN KINDA BUSY, SO WE TOOK ON A COUPLE O' NEW GUYS TO HANDLE THE EXTRA WORK—BUT THEY'RE STILL KINDA GREEN EXCEPT FOR ONE!

YEAH, YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN THE ONE VITO MEANS, TODAY! WE WERE OUT AFTER A BEARDSLY MAN, AN' THIS GUY GETS HIM WITH A KNIFE—A KNIFE, MIND YA, FROM A MOVIN' CAR! HE'S TERRIFIC! WHAT'S HIS NAME AGAIN—VINSON! YEAH, BENNY VINSON!

WHAT?? BENNY VINSON!!



WHY, YOU STUPID, FAT-HEADED SQUIRTS—WHO TOOK HIM ON? WHERE'D YA MEET HIM? ANSWER ME!!

WH...WHAT'S A MATTER, BOSS? HE WAS RECOMMENDED TO US—FIRST HAND! HE'S A GOOD MAN—WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?



WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM? NOTHING—ONLY, HE'S ONE OF GOLDIE BEARDSLY'S RIGHT-HAND MEN—THAT'S WHAT! HE'S A STOOLIE—A PLANT! GOLDIE MUST BE WISE—WHERE'S BENNY NOW, YOU STUPID, FAT SLOB?

WH...WHY, HE WENT HOME AFTER HE FINISHED HIS JOB! I DIDN'T KNOW, BOSS—HONEST! I...I'LL GET HIM—I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YA—NO FOOLIN'! I'LL CUT HIS TONGUE OUT, BEFORE HE CAN TALK TO GOLDIE!



OKAY—LET'S GO! WE'RE GOIN' DOWN TO BROWNSVILLE, AN' YOU BETTER HOPE WE GET THERE BEFORE BENNY SEES GOLDIE! OR I'LL GIVE YOU WHAT HE WAS GONNA GET!



HE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO TIP OFF GOLDIE! HIS BOYS MAY BE OUT GUNNIN' FOR US RIGHT NOW!

HE'S HOME—I HEAR SOMEBODY MOVING AROUND IN THERE!

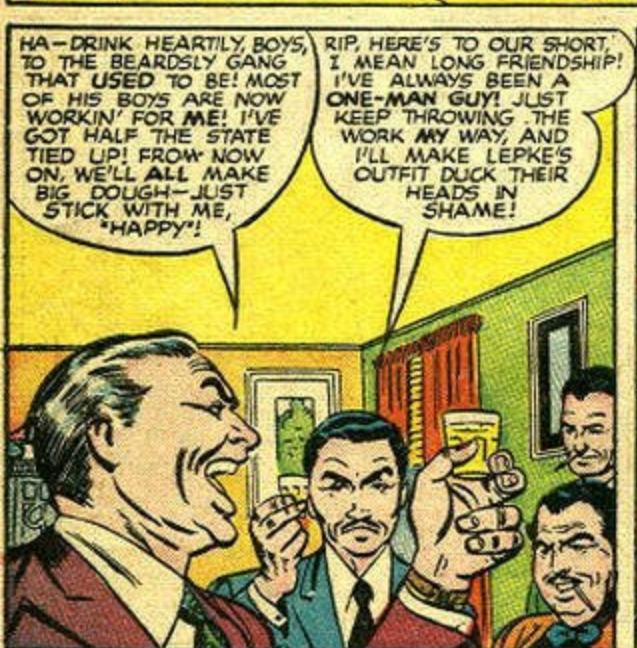
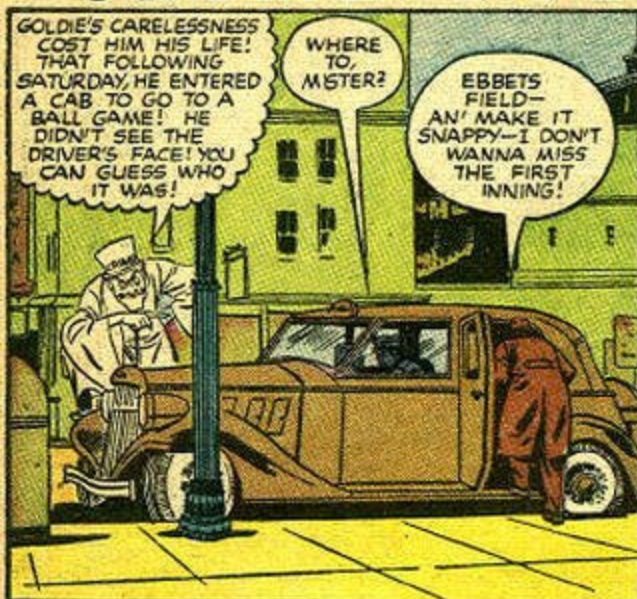


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I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, DASHER! EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE YOU COME UP WITH A SENSIBLE IDEA! THIS GYP BOX WILL KEEP THIS GUY'S BODY ON THE BOTTOM TILL HE HATCHES FISH!

SINCE WHEN ARE WE GETTIN' SO CAREFUL ABOUT LEAVIN' CORPSES AROUND?



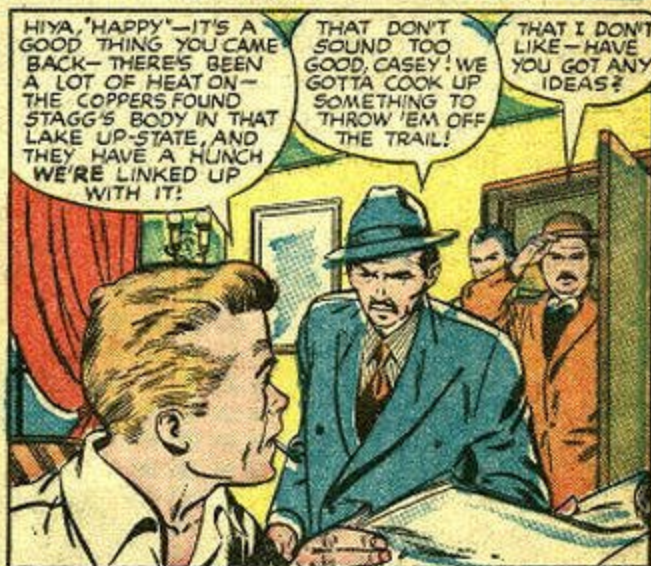
WELL, GUYS, ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER BUCK! NOW LET'S GET BACK TO BROOKLYN! I HOPE I DID THE RIGHT THING, LEAVIN' CASEY IN CHARGE!

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT—WE GOTTA CHECK UP ON THE GANG, BUT I'M SURE EVERYTHING'S GOIN' OKAY!



THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKS GOOD! LET'S STOP UP TO SEE CASEY—HE'S BEEN MANAGIN' THINGS, SO I WANT A FULL REPORT!

YEAH—LET'S! HE LIVES RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO OUR GARAGE!



HIYA, 'HAPPY'—IT'S A GOOD THING YOU CAME BACK—THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF HEAT ON—THE COPPER FOUND STAGG'S BODY IN THAT LAKE UP-STATE, AND THEY HAVE A HUNCH WE'RE LINKED UP WITH IT!

THAT DON'T SOUND TOO GOOD, CASEY! WE GOTTA COOK UP SOMETHING TO THROW 'EM OFF THE TRAIL!

THAT I DON'T LIKE—HAVE YOU GOT ANY IDEAS?



SURE, AN' IT'S A NATURAL! CASEY, YOU BEEN WITH US QUITE A WHILE, AND WE ALWAYS LEVELED WITH YOU, RIGHT? HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PICK UP FIVE GRAND, FAST?

CAN A DUCK SWIM? BUT KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN! MY GRANDMOTHER'S IN BED INSIDE, LAID UP SICK! WHAT'S YOUR GIMMICK?

WE'LL THROW THE COPS OFF THE TRAIL! WE SEND IN A PONEY TIP THAT YOU BUMPED OFF STAGG! THEY PICK YOU UP, AND YOU COVER US ON YOUR ALIBI! WHEN THEY FIND YOU WEREN'T UPSTATE, THEY THROW THE CASE OUT, AND WE'RE IN THE CLEAR WITH YOU! REMEMBER, WE NEVER LEFT BROOKLYN!

THAT SOUNDS OKAY—I COULD USE THE FIVE G'S! OKAY, I'LL GO ALONG ON IT!



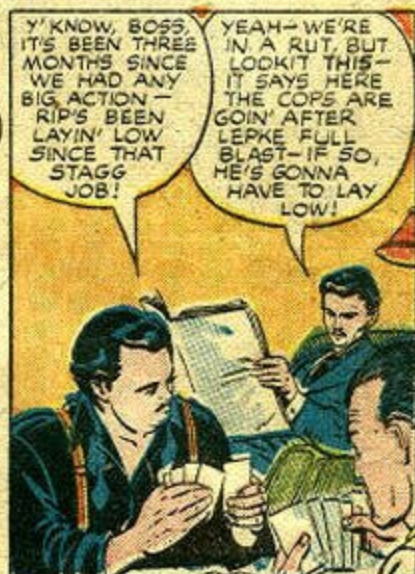
THE PLAN WORKED LIKE A CHARM! "HAPPY" PHONED IN THE TIP—THE COPS PICKED ROD CASEY UP, AND "HAPPY" BAILED HIM OUT FOR TEN GRAND!

Y, SEE, ROD, IT'S JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU—YOU'RE OUT ON BAIL, WHILE THEY'RE TRYIN' TO SCRATCH UP EVIDENCE THAT AIN'T THERE! IT'LL BE THROWN OUT IN A FEW WEEKS!

AM I COMPLAININ'? BUT WHEN DO I COLLECT THE FIVE G'S?



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IT WAS AN IDEA! YOU CAN'T BLAME VITO FOR TRYING, AND IT ALMOST WORKED! WITNESS AFTER WITNESS WAS INTIMIDATED! THEY SWORE "HAPPY" AND HIS BOYS WERE AT THE OLD WOMAN'S BEDSIDE, BUT THE STATE CAME UP WITH A SURPRISE KEY WITNESS!

MR. KRANDELL YOU WERE THE MORTICIAN AT MRS. CASEY'S FUNERAL, AND YOU WERE AT HER BEDSIDE ALL EVENING BEFORE SHE DIED! WERE THE DEFENDANTS PRESENT, AS HAS BEEN TESTIFIED?

NO! THEY WERE NEVER THERE THAT EVENING! THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO TESTIFIED WERE OBVIOUSLY INTIMIDATED! THEY TRIED TO GET TO ME, TOO, BUT I DON'T SCARE EASY!

THAT DID IT! "HAPPY" DASHER AND VITO WERE COOKED GEESE, AND LEPKE WAS GETTING WARM IN THE SADDLE!

THAT FATSO, VITO MARINO, IS STILL LOOSE—HE JUMPED BAIL! IF HE EVER TALKS, WE'RE SUNK! WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM—FAST!

THIS HIDING IS DRIVING ME NUTS! I KNOW LEPKE'S BOYS ARE GUNNIN' TO GET ME! I'LL GIVE MYSELF UP! IF I PLAY BALL WITH THE COPS, I STAND A CHANCE OF GETTIN' OFF WITH LIFE! I'M GONNA DO IT!



IF YOU'RE SURE THIS IS STRAIGHT DOPE, MARINO, WE'VE GOT ENOUGH HERE TO FRY YOUR TWO PALS AND START A CASE AGAINST LEPKE AND GURRAH!

YEAH, IT'S ALL STRAIGHT! I WON'T DIE, WILL I? YOU'LL GIVE ME LIFE, WON'T YOU?

IT AIN'T UP TO US, YOU YELLOW RAT! MAYBE YOU'LL GET LIFE, MAYBE NOT!

THAT DIRTY, FAT SLOB SANG, AND CINCHED IT FOR US! WE'RE GONNA FRY TONIGHT!

I DON'T GET IT, DASHER—WHY DIDN'T LEPKE HELP US? I WAS HIS PAL—HE DIDN'T EVEN LIFT A FINGER FOR US!

YOUR PAL, HA! I TOLD YA WE WERE JUST SMALL-TIMERS! THEM BIG SHOTS ARE ALL THE SAME—THEY'RE OKAY ONLY WHEN THEY NEED YOU—BUT THEY'RE ONLY LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE! THERE'S YOUR BIG HERO FOR YA, MR. LITTLE LEPKE—HA, HA, WOTTA LAUGH!

SHUT UP! SHUT UP, YA BIG WIND! WHAT'S THE JOKE? I'LL TELL YA THE BIG JOKE—WE'RE GONNA DIE, STUPID, Y'HEAR? WE'RE GONNA DIE!!



HA, HA, HA, HA! IT SURE IS A JOKE, "HAPPY" ONLY YOU NEVER HAD A SENSE OF HUMOR! I CAN SEE THE JOKE, ALL RIGHT—SURE, IT MAKES ME LAUGH, EVERY TIME I SEE A STUPID PUNK LIKE YOU MAKING A HERO OUT OF A NO-GOOD GORILLA LIKE LEPKE! I'VE SEEN THEM ALL, AND I KNOW—THEY'RE NO BETTER THAN YOU, AND IN THE END, THEY ALL SHOW WHAT YELLOW PUNKS THEY REALLY ARE—EVEN YOUR "HERO" LEPKE—SURE, IT'S FUNNY!

...AND THE FUNNIEST TWIST OF ALL CAME AT THE VERY END—YOU SEE, NOT ONLY DID YOU LIVE LIKE LEPKE, BUT YOU WOUND UP DYING LIKE HIM! FOR VITO'S SQUEALING HELPED SEND HIM TO THE SAME CHAIR YOU FRIED IN—FUNNY, ISN'T IT? HA, HA, HA—IT'S ABSOLUTELY KILLING!

YES, "HAPPY" ALL MY PUPILS END UP THE SAME WAY, FOR NO MATTER HOW TOUGH OR SMART YOU TRY TO BE, YOU'RE NOT TOUGH ENOUGH TO CRACK THE WALL OF SOCIETY'S LAWS! IT'LL CAVE IN ON YOU EVENTUALLY—AND YOU NEVER ONCE ARE SMART ENOUGH TO LEARN THE SIMPLE TRUTH YOU'VE HEARD A THOUSAND TIMES—THE SIMPLEST OF ALL TRUTHS, THAT CRIME DOES NOT PAY!

